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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk  
**South Carolina Public Service Commission**  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Epicus, Inc. and Epicus Communications Group, Inc. for Authority to Complete an Assignment of Assets and to Grant Authority to Epicus Communications Group, Inc. to provide Local Exchange and Interexchange services, for Alternative Regulation First Granted in Docket No. 95-661-C and for Flexible Regulation First Granted in Docket No. 97-467-C  
**Docket No. 2005-264-C, Our File No. 1075-10325**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed is the original and twenty-five (25) copies of the **Verified Testimony of Gerald Haryman** filed on behalf of Epicus, Inc. and Epicus Communications Group, Inc. in the above-referenced docket.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: Office of Regulatory Staff Legal Department  
Alvin S. Goldstein, Esquire  
Brian Devling, Esquire  
Mr. Joseph Dubinski

Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2005-264-C**

**JOINT APPLICATION BY EPICUS INC. AND )  
EPICUS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. FOR )  
EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EPICUS, INC.'S )  
TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AND CONTROL )  
TO PROVIDE RESOLD LOCAL AND LONG )  
DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES TO )  
EPICUS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. )**

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**Pre-Filed Testimony of Gerald Haryman  
Filed on Behalf of Epicus Communications Group, Inc.**

1   **Q.     Would you please state your name, title and business address for the record?**

2   A.     Gerald Haryman, President of Epicus Communications Group, Inc., located at 1750  
3         Osceola Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409.

4   **Q.     Who are the Applicants?**

5   A.     Epicus, Inc. ("Epicus") and Epicus Communications Group, Inc. ("ECG").

6   **Q.     What relief does the Joint Application seek?**

7   A.     The parties request that the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the  
8         "Commission") grant the transfer of Epicus's authority to provide resold local and long  
9         distance telecommunications services to Epicus Communications Group, Inc in  
10        connection with a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy reorganization plan.

11  **Q.     Does the Application seek anything else?**

12  A.     Yes. Applicants request that the Commission approve ECG's adoption of Epicus' tariff  
13        effective as of the date the Commission approves the transfer, and Epicus' request to  
14        abandon service once its customers have been fully transferred to ECG.

1   **Q.     Please describe the Applicants.**

2   A.     Epicus is a privately held Florida corporation. A copy of Epicus' Articles of Incorporation  
3           wase attached to the Application as Exhibit B. ECG is a publicly held Florida  
4           corporation. A copy of ECG's Articles of Incorporation was attached to the Application  
5           as Exhibit F. ECG has operated through its wholly owned subsidiary Epicus to offer local  
6           and long-distance telecommunications services in South Carolina. ECG is requesting  
7           transfer of Epicus' authority so that ECG. can resell local and long distance  
8           telecommunication services in South Carolina. Pursuant to the Plan, ECG has the  
9           financial, managerial and technical qualifications needed to provide quality  
10          telecommunications to the customers of South Carolina.

11   **Q.     Does Epicus, Inc. presently hold authority from the Commission?**

12   A.     Yes. On October 16, 1997, the Commission, granted Epicus authority in Order No. 97-  
13          890, to operate as a provider of resold local and long distance telecommunications  
14          services.

15   **Q.     Does ECG presently hold authority from the Commission?**

16   A.     No.

17   **Q.     Will Epicus continue to provide service as an independent entity after the**  
18          **confirmation of the Plan?**

19   A.     No.

20   **Q.     How will the Plan affect Epicus' South Carolina's current customers?**

21   A.     The Plan is not expected to result in any loss or impairment of service to any customers.  
22          Customers will continue to receive their existing services at the same rates, terms, and  
23          conditions and any future changes in rates, terms or conditions of service will be made

1 consistent with Commission's requirements. The only change will be in the customers'  
2 service provider. Thus, from a customer's point of view, the reorganization will be  
3 transparent and the service will be seamless and uninterrupted. To ensure a seamless  
4 transaction and avoid customer confusion or inconvenience, Applicants will provide  
5 advance written notice to the affected customers at least thirty (30) days prior to the  
6 transfer, explaining the change in service provider in accordance with the applicable  
7 Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and state requirements.

8 **Q. Is ECG financially qualified to provide**  
9 **telecommunications services in South Carolina?**

10 A. Pursuant to the Plan, ECG is qualified to provide telecommunications services in South  
11 Carolina. ECG will be funded through a debenture sale, thus has access to the financing  
12 and capital necessary to conduct its telecommunication service operations to fulfill any  
13 obligations it may undertake with respect to the operation and maintenance of its  
14 telecommunication services. For further information, see a copy of the Plan attached to  
15 the Application as Exhibit A.

16 **Q. Will the transfer of authority adversely affect South Carolina customers?**

17 A. No. The transfer will have no adverse impact on customers in South Carolina, and will  
18 be virtually transparent to such customers. Epicus' South Carolina customers will  
19 experience no change in the rates, terms and conditions offered by Epicus to South  
20 Carolina customers. ECG will continue to provide high-quality, affordable  
21 telecommunications services to the public in the same manner as Epicus has since it  
22 obtained certification from the Commission.

1    **Q.     In your opinion, is the granting of the application in the public interest?**

2    A.     Yes. The transfer will enhance services provided to South Carolina customers.

3    **Q:     Does that conclude your testimony?**

4    A.     Yes it does. I would thank the Commission for the opportunity to testify in this  
5           proceeding, and stand ready to provide any additional information that the Commission  
6           deems necessary in order to grant the relief requested.

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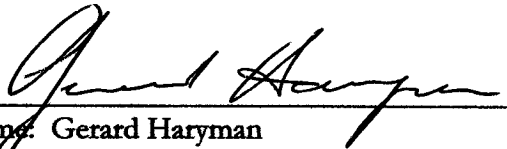
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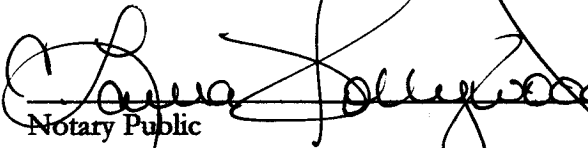
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VERIFICATION

I, Gerard Haryman, am the President of Epicus Communications Group, Inc. and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements made in the foregoing Application are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

By:   
Name: Gerard Haryman  
Title: President of Epicus Communications Group, Inc.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, Notary Public, in and for the State and County named above, this 2 day of Sept., 2005.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

